

SAMPLE PAPER II
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
Class –IX (2017-18)

Maximum Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing& Grammar	30 marks
Section C	:	Literature& Long Reading Text	30 marks

SECTION A (READING :20 marks)

1 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow : (1x8) 8**

On Sprouts

(1) Sprouts relatively contain the largest amount of nutrients per unit of any food known to man. Sprouts produce a fountain of power for chemical changes. Enzymes are produced, starch gets converted into glucose. Protein is transformed into amino acids and vitamin value increases. In fact a new explosion of life force takes place. According to Dr. Bailey of the University of Minnesota, U.S.A the vitamin C value of wheat increases 600 percent in the early sprouting period. Dr. C.R. Show of the University of Texas Cancer Centre found that cancer was inhibited upto 90% when healthy bacteria were exposed to a cancer causing substance in the presence of a juice made from wheat sprouts.

(2) Enzymes which initiate and control almost every chemical reaction in our bodies, are greatly activated in the sprouting process. Enzymes spark the entire digestive system to synthesize the nutrients in our food into blood. They are the key to longevity.

(3) Sprouts are enjoyed more when they are fresh. Mix sprouts with other foods and dressing, according to your taste and enjoy eating them. But eat them you must, every day! You will soon realise that making sprouts a part of your diet has a dramatic effect on your health. With this live food, all the cells of your body will become active and agile.

(4) The act of sprouting creates Vitamin C, which is missing in dried pulses; increases the all-important B group of Vitamins, Vitamin E and Vitamin A; and the quality and digestibility of the proteins are greatly increased. With the increased energy output in the sprouting process, bean sprouts turn into one of the super foods.

(5) The nourishment which develops as the sprouts grow is very stable and can be frozen or dried for future. Sprouted potato or tomato seeds are likely to be poisonous. Alfalfa and moongbean Sprouts are excellent soft food. They are almost predigested and can be easily assimilated even by the children and the elderly. They contain every known vitamin in perfect balance, necessary for the human body.

(1) Why are sprouts beneficial for our health?

(2) The _____ increases 600 percent in the early sprouting process.

(3) _____ seeds are likely to be poisonous when sprouted.

(4) Why are enzymes considered to be the key to longevity?

- (5) Name the vitamins which are produced due to the act of sprouting?
- (6) Find a word from the passage which means, to combine a large range of something is _____.(Para 5) as

(7) How can you make your body cells active and agile?

(8) Sprouts are excellent soft food. Explain briefly.

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Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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(1) While it is a well-known fact that yoga, certain kinds of music and some calming foods are known to relieve stress, the latest trend is the search for certain scents with calming properties that can help a person to unwind and soothe the nerves.

(2) One such scent that is now being touted as having calming properties is lavender. It has long been a popular ingredient used in most spas as the scent is believed to help one sleep better. To test its properties one can opt for a lotion with lavender as its ingredient. An even better option is to spray the scent on the pillow for a sound sleep.

(3) Everyone has heard of mint chutney that is served with samosas and pakoras, but few would think of applying a mint based paste on one's body. Yet this is just what is recommended for those who would like a smooth and purifying effect on the mind, brought about by this application.

(4) Citrus fruits are not only good for health but also serve as good mood lifters. Sniffing lemon zest is believed to soothe over stress and the smell of grapefruit is known to curb depression. Other advantages include memory enhancement from smelling oranges Even the zest of an orange can make one feel energetic. Therapists also recommend that one can light an orange scented candle by ones side, in the bath, and imbibe the same benefits.'

(5) For that nagging headache that comes on whenever you step out into the scorching sun, there is yet a cure available from the array of calming scents. According to some researchers sniffing at a green apple cannot only cure a headache, but help alleviate it altogether.

(6) The latest finding about the calming properties of scents has entered the realm of roses. Since time immemorial the flower has been associated with happiness, love and joy. With this new finding, it will now embody an additional quality- that of relieving stress. The ideal way to prove it would be to use a rose-scented soap or massage with rose scented body oil before going under the shower.

(1) Answer the following questions briefly :(2x4)

- (a) What does the latest research into scents reveal?
- (b) What are the latest findings about the properties of lavender?
- (c) How do citrus fruits help in calming the body?
- (d) What are the properties of green apples?

(2) Answer the following :(1x4)

- (a) Find a word in Para 2 which means the same as 'component' .
- (b) Find the word which is the antonym of 'contaminating' in Para-3
- (c) Which word in Para 4 means the same as 'absorb'?
- (d) Find the opposite of the word 'aggravate' in Para 5.

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 30 Marks)

3 You are a member of the environmental club of your school. Read the ideas given below and add your own ideas and thoughts from the unit Environment of your MCB and write an article on "Conserve Energy" in **about 100 - 120 words.** 8

Discourage unnecessary use of electrical equipment's

Switch off lights, fans, AC's when not in use.

Alternative sources eg: Solar Energy

Create Awareness

OR

Imagine you are an astronaut and have landed on India's first manned mission to the Moon.

Record your experience in your diary in 100 -120 words.

4 **Complete this story in about 200 - 250 words with an exciting conclusion. Also give a suitable title.** 12

It was an old leather suitcase strapped and buckled securely. I recalled asking granny about it. She simple said.....

5 **Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write your answer in the answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage.** 3

The aim of our life (a) _____ be to put in a lot of hard work and proceed (b) _____ the direction of our goal. We should (c) _____ be disheartened by setbacks.

(a) (i) should (ii) must (iii) would (iv) will

(b) (i) in (ii) to (iii) into (iv) for

(c) (i) never (ii) always (iii) seldom (iv) rarely

6 **The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. The first one has been done as an example for you.** 4

	Incorrect	Correct
Facebook with more then 1.2 billion users	(a) _____	_____
is celebrated its 13 th birthday this year.	(b) _____	_____
The company was launching by	(c) _____	_____
Mark Zuckerberg at February 4, 2004	(d) _____	_____
from Harvard University. The siting was	(e) _____	_____
conceived in a Harvard dorm as the way	(f) _____	_____
to connect student and let them build an online	(g) _____	_____
identity for himself, according to Computer World.	(h) _____	_____

7 **Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet.** 3

e.g. : our lives / music / essential/plays / an / role/in

Music plays an essential role in our lives.

(a) music/ there /types/ various / of / are

(b) enjoy /we/according /them/ requirement/ need/ and/to our

(c) soft/listening/ music / to / relief / gives /us/peace/and/of/mind

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

- 8 " I made a hundred thousand francs and a Carot! " 4
- (i) Who made a hundred thousand francs and a Carot and how?
 - (ii) Mention any two character traits of the speaker.
 - (iii) What is the Carot being referred to here?
 - (iv) Whom is he addressing?

OR

*'No nightingale did ever chant
More welcome notes to weary bands
Of travellers in some shady haunt
Among Arabian sands;*

- (a) To what is the song of the nightingale been compared to?
- (b) What effect does the nightingale's song have?
- (c) What does 'shady haunt' refer to?
- (d) Name the poem and the poet..

Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words:

- 9a How was Chuck injured in the accident? 2
- 9b What is the refrain of the poem 'The Brook' and what does it symbolize 2
- 9c Why was the Chieftain in a hurry and who tried to help him? 2
- 9d Justify the title 'The Road Not Taken'. 2

Answer one of the following questions in about 100-120 words

- 10 "Gaston lacked honesty and fairness in his deal. Do you agree? What values are reflected from his character? As a businessman, what would be your priority, profit or honesty? 8

OR

"We are well off, but what use is money when I cannot be independent." Do you agree with the speaker? What is more important, money or knowledge? What gives more satisfaction, money or independence? Elaborate.

Answer one of the following questions in about 200-250 words.

- 11 How do the Lilliputians gain favour at court? What is Swift targeting at through this episode? 10

OR

Write a brief character sketch of William Prichard in about 200-250 words.

OR

Describe the troubles and confusions faced by George when his watched stopped working on a winter morning. 10

OR

Write a brief character sketch of Montmorency in about 200-250 words.